

GARRETT COUNTY GOVERNMENT – November 2013
Month in Review

Board of Education

1. The Board officially affirmed the appointment of Matthew Paugh as Elected Member of the GC BOE. The Board had by consensus appointed Mr. Paugh to complete the unexpired term of office of Donald Forrester.
2. The Board issued the following points relative to FY 2015 funding for the GC BOE – GC Public School System. BOE President Cynthia Downton, when asked by Commissioner Crawford about scheduling a session to discuss funding issues, stated that if the County Commissioners would not at this time inform the BOE what the funding appropriation would be for FY 2015 then the BOE Members and staff would refuse to meet.

Chairman Gatto entered a motion that the Board designate \$2.2 million to the BOE for FY 2015 with the added verbiage that any ancillary funding secured from the State of MD supplement this total and therefore the County appropriation will be reduced accordingly. The motion failed to receive a second and the session ended.

Financial Services

The Board met with Financial Services staff to review FY 2013 financial information to include identified areas of revenue that were over budget and expenditures that were under budget.

Chamber of Commerce

The Board authorized Chairman Gatto and Mr. Pagenhardt to execute a First Modification to MOU between the State of MD DBED, Office of Tourism Development and GC. Under this Modification to the MOU, DBED shall, subject to the availability of funds, contribute a one-time payment not to exceed \$50,000 to the County for the continued operations of the Youghiogheny Overlook Welcome Center.

Garrett College

- a) Garrett College. Discussion points on the Economic Contribution of GC, and overview fact sheet showing investment analysis and economic growth analysis, and a student enrollment grant, loan, and scholarship income.
- b) Review of the Garrett College Campus Facilities Master Plan. The Plan is a proposed \$30 million 6 phase project to commence in FY 2016 through 2020. The College will ask for a commitment from the State and County so that the Master Plan can proceed with final design and planning. The Garrett Foundation will also inaugurate a capital fund raising program to support the total cost of the Master Plan. The Board agreed to continued dialog on this matter.

Health Department

- a) A presentation on MD Health Exchange Program was made to the Board. The Health Connection application program has been incorporated to enroll individuals in one of the private insurance plans listed on the MD Health Exchange.
- b) Beth Little-Terry with Mountain Laurel Medical Center met with the Board to follow up on the public health care presentation. The Board agreed to submit letters of support to legislative offices and other governmental agencies.
- c) The Board re-appointed Linda Green to the Local Management Board.

Purchasing Department

- a) Recommendation of Award – Invitation to Bid – Keyser’s Ridge Business Park – Lot No. 2 Site Work. The Board approved the bid to Excavating Associates, Inc. for a total bid price of \$589,534.00. FY14 Budget includes an appropriation for this project in the amount of \$1,600,000. As of this date, the total project cost for site work (\$589,534) and building construction (\$1,024,000) = \$1,613,534. FY14 Budget for the Dept. of Economic Development will be amended to cover this additional cost.
- b) Recommendation of Award – Invitation to Bid – ASCI Phase 2 – Whitewater Course Modifications. The Board approved the bid to Beitzel Corp for a total bid price of \$149,700.00. Funding for this project is from the State of Maryland \$1,000,000 Bond.
- c) Recommendation of Contract Extension – Standby Generator Maintenance. The Board approved the extension of this contract under the same terms and conditions for an additional 1-year term to Kelly Generator and Equipment, Inc. Terms of the contract extension period will be December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2014.
- d) Recommendation of Contract Extension – Aviation Gasoline and Aviation Turbine Fuel. The Board approved the extension of this contract to Arrow Energy, Inc. for aviation turbine fuel Jet A and to Purvis Brothers, Inc. for aviation gasoline grade 100LL. Terms of the contract extension period will be November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014. Specific costs are on file with the Purchasing Department
- e) Recommendation of Contract Extension – Fire Prevention Systems Services (bid #12-1103FP). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, approved the extension of this contract to ARK Systems. Specifics of this bid award to include locations are on file with the Purchasing Department.

Public Works

The Board met with Wisp Mountain Homeowners Association members who requested that the Board accept the transfer of ownership of Wisp Mountain Road and Overlook Pass and include these private roads into the County Road System Inventory. Commentary was provided by Klaus Schmidt, Kendall Camp POA Representative and other persons in attendance for this session.

The Board will take this matter under advisement. County Attorney Gorman Getty and Mr. Pagenhardt will broker a meeting with Wisp Resort, the Property Owners Associations, and the County. The Board committed to an expeditious review of these issues with all parties and a conclusive decision for any transfer of ownership of Wisp Mountain Road and Overlook Pass.

Department of Technology and Communications

Update on Broadband connection to the County Airport and Emergency Operations Center, other County department technology improvements, and upgrades to webpages and communication programs.

Miscellaneous

1. The Board discussed a proposal by Commissioner Raley to consider visits to all the municipalities and outlying communities. Commissioner Raley stated that he will attend the November meeting of the Garrett Mayors Association and seek input from the group prior to any final decision by the Board.
2. The Board discussed an agreement to provide and commit matching funds of \$250,000 for the HART Animal Shelter Project. An application is required to be forward to the ARC. On this date the Board determined to provide a commitment of up to \$250,000 based upon certain conditions that will be determined and documented by Economic Development staff. These conditions include a job creation commitment and a commitment to outsource certain functions to other existing county veterinary businesses. Mr. Koch will advise the Board on the status of this matter.
3. Mountain Haven Wellness and Recovery Center provided an update on their organization to the Board of County Commissioners. Center volunteers requested that the Board support the Center with public awareness and possible supplemental funding assistance.
4. The Board appointed the following persons to the Mountain Maryland Energy Advisory Committee:
 - Michael Koch, Director, Garrett County Department of Economic Development
 - Timothy Carney, Senior Project Manager, Allegany County Economic Development
 - David Dorsey, Acting Planning Coordinator, Allegany County Planning Services
 - James Torrington, Division Chief, Garrett County Department of Planning and Land Development – Division of Permits and Inspections
 - Rodney Glotfelty, Garrett County Health Officer
 - Stephen Hartlaub, Professor of Environmental Policy, Frostburg State University
 - Paul Durham, Garrett County citizen
 - Edward Gates, Professor, University of Maryland Appalachian Laboratory
 - Jo Gillman, Dean of Finance, Garrett College
 - Michael Dreisbach, President, Garrett Trails and Owner of Savage River Lodge
 - Eric Guthrie, Division Manager, Pillar Innovations – Garrett County Chamber of Commerce
 - Robert Sutton, Deep Creek Property Owners Association and President, Sky Valley POA